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Title : PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING A MULTI-LAYER
PACKAGING FILM

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action of January 10, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121, please cancel Claims 30, 32 and 36, substitute for Claims 12, 16 to 19, 21 to 27, 31, 33 and 37, the following revised version of Claims 12, 16 to 19, 21 to 27, 31, 33, 37, respectively, as amended, and please insert the following new Claim 42. The changes made are shown explicitly in the attached "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".

Please substitute for Claim 12 the following revised version of Claim 12, as amended:

12. (Once Amended) A process comprising manufacturing a multi-layer packaging film (10) for a packaging (20) having at least one line of perforations (18, 18') that are provided in a plastic surface layer of the packaging (20), and serve as an aid for alignment of a tear line propagating in the packaging film (10) upon tearing open the packaging, including cutting the perforations (18, 18') into

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